GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3391
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SHIMILIPAL BIOSPHERE RESERVE
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.7502 dated May 15,2000 and state:

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned adequate funds to the various activities of Shimilipal Biosphere Reserve;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the activities are likely to be expanded in various villages under Biosphere project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a)&(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Biosphere Reserve this ministry has sanctioned and released Rs.71.61 Lakhs to the Government of Orissa for undertaking various developmental activities in buffer zone villages of Shimilipal Biosphere reserve.

(c)&(d) Developmental activities undertaken by the State government in 69 villages include eco-development programmes, irrigation, demonstration, training, education, awareness, social welfare activities, maintenance of Orchid centres and establishment of medicinal plant gardens. Expansion of activities may depend on availability of funds and progress by the State Government.